

## 1996 Tropical Cyclone Fatalities

Thanks to La Nina, 1996 was an active year for tropical storms and hurricanes. NWS recorded 13 (average 9) named tropical storms of which 9 (average 6) became hurricanes and 6 (average 2) became intense hurricanes. (La Niña results in warmer than normal sea surface temperatures near the equator in the western parts of the oceans.) There were 37 fatalities (average 24) attributed to hurricanes (32% above normal). Of the 13 named storms, only 3 caused fatalities: Bertha, Fran and Hortense. Bertha and Fran, Category 3 hurricanes that struck southeastern North Carolina, caused 19 deaths. Category 4 Hurricane Hortense caused 18 fatalities in Puerto Rico. Hurricane Fran caused billions of dollars in damage to property and crops. Males accounted for 76% of tropical cyclone related deaths; females, 24%.

### 1996 TROPICAL CYCLONE FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>BU</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FL	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
NC	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	6	14
NJ	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PR	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	19
SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	22	0	1	0	0	7	0	7	37
<b>PERCENT</b>	0	0	59	0	3	0	0	19	0	19	100

### 1996 TROPICAL CYCLONE FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	2	0	2	5
10 TO 19	1	7	0	8	22
20 TO 29	2	2	0	4	11
30 TO 39	1	4	0	5	14
40 TO 49	0	7	0	7	19
50 TO 59	1	3	0	4	11
60 TO 69	2	1	0	3	8
70 TO 79	1	1	0	2	5
80 TO 89	0	0	0	0	0
90 TO --	1	0	0	1	3
UNKNOWN	0	1	0	1	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	9	28	0	37	101*
<b>PERCENT</b>	24	76	0	100	

(\* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

#### LEGEND

**BO** - Boat  
**BU** - Business  
**IW** - In Water  
**LS** - Long-Span Roog  
**MH** - Mobile Home  
**OT** - Other/Unknown  
**OU** - Outside Open  
**PH** - Permanent Home  
**SC** - School  
**VE** - Vehicle